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60th Anniversary Honors



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Herschel Blackwell, a WWII veteran who was stationed aboard Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay during the attack on Dec. 7, 1941, salutes the colors during a Friday morning ceremony held at Hangar 101.

VP-11 Sailors recall attacks

Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

In a emotionally stirring, wreath laying ceremony at Hangar 101, aboard MCB Hawaii on Friday, former members of Patrol Squadron (VP)-11 and members of the Kaneohe Klippers Association remembered the seven killed and 29 wounded from their units on the fateful morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

More than 200 people attended the ceremony, including family members of the veterans.

Since 1981, the Kaneohe Klippers Association has gathered every five years for a reunion at Kaneohe Bay. Since 1981, the association has gathered at K-Bay four times to honor its fallen comrades and place a wreath at the plaque that hangs on the southeastern side of Hangar 101, which commemorates the devastating attack.

Patrol Squadron (VP)-11 once mustered in the very spot where the ceremony was being held, according to Dallas Jones, president of the Patrol

Squadron-11 Association.

Heavy emotions surfaced, as Jones introduced veteran Sailors who lived the events of Dec. 7, 1941 — beginning with the Sailors who lost their lives that day.

On a lighter note, Jones explained that the annual reunions are like a time machine — taking the 70- and 80-year-old-members back to when they were younger and more innocent.

"When we get together on these occasions, it's as if we were 18 again," explained Jones. "We shed about 60 years."

After performing roll call of the Kaneohe Klippers members present at the ceremony, Jones then introduced their family members.

"As we look around this beautiful setting today, it is hard to imagine the event that happened some 60 years ago," said guest speaker Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. "It is certainly appropriate, however, that we set aside

See VP-11, A-3



President of the Kaneohe Klippers Association, Jim Evans, and the Commanding General MCB Hawaii, Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, gently lay a wreath during the remembrance ceremony for the 18 Sailors and one civilian who died in the Dec. 7, 1941, surprise attack on NAS Kaneohe Bay. Every five years, the Kaneohe Klippers come to K-Bay to pay tribute, not only to those who died on that fateful day, but also to those wounded and survivors who have passed in the years since the attack.

Kaneohe Klippers remember their shipmates, pay respects

Story and Photos by Cpl. Roman Yurek
Lifestyles Editor

Former Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Sailors and their families gathered at the MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Klipper Monument to pay tribute to the 18 Sailors who died when the Japanese attacked the installation.

The members of the Kaneohe Klipper Association also paid tribute to members who have passed away in the last year.

"It is rewarding to be with the Kaneohe Klippers," said Jim Evans, president of the Kaneohe Klipper Association. "I was 16 when I

served here and I will carry on as long as possible."

Many of the members are more than 70 years old.

These men traveled from across the nation to visit the base where their fellow shipmates lost their lives.

It was after 7:50 a.m. on a quiet, peaceful Sunday morning on NAS, Kaneohe Bay. The silence was all destroyed by the sound of the bombs and machineguns that ripped through the base.

The Japanese destroyed nearly every plane on the base, shot up all the hangars and bombed the airfield.

The returning Kaneohe Klippers

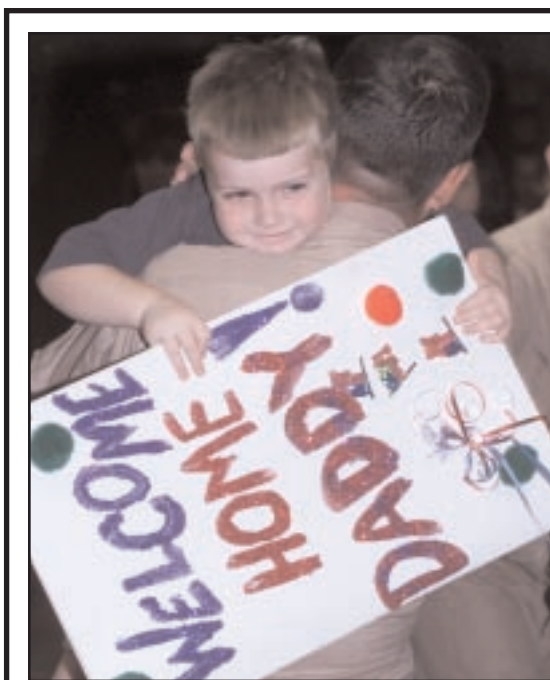
relived the day that the Japanese launched their surprise attack on Hawaii.

The Klippers remembered that, although there was destruction all around, the Sailors did not run away. They ran for the armory and yanked guns out of burning planes. They mounted these guns on pipes and began to return fire.

Men like John Finn — the chief for aviation ordnance who was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions — took it upon themselves to try and take out the Japanese. In the process, Finn was injured.

"This was the first great act of

See KLIPPERS, A-11



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Lieutenant j.g. John Greer, Patrol Squadron 9, receives a warm welcome from his son who he had not seen in six months.

VP-9 returns to Kaneohe

Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

After a six-month deployment, the Golden Eagles of Patrol Squadron 9 are back in garrison.

More than 100 family members, guests, media, and friends provided a heartwarming welcome to VP-9 Sailors as they arrived at Hangar 104, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m.

Some of the special guests included Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris and the Marine Forces Pacific Band.

During the deployment, VP-9 accomplished its missions without any accidents or personal casualties.

See VP-9, A-11

Firms provide support to deployed U.S. troops

Army Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Corporate America is stepping up to make the holidays a little brighter for U.S. troops overseas and at home.

Several U.S. corporations have used their particular specialties to make life easier for their country's soldiers, Sailors, airmen and Marines.

To make sure donated items meet Department of Defense needs, DoD has set up a working group to help companies make donations.

John Molino, deputy assistant secretary of defense for military

community and family policy, said DoD doesn't solicit donations and specifically asks corporations, groups and individuals not to donate cash or to send checks to the Defense Department, as money sent straight to DoD goes into a general fund, which is further appropriated by Congress, he said.

He said DoD encourages people to make their donations to the USO, the American Red Cross, Army Emergency Relief, the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, or the Armed Services YMCA.

Currently, Coca-Cola, Circuit City, Compaq and Amazon.com are some of the firms that are providing or have pledged support.

MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

TRANSPORTATION VOUCHERS

All military, appropriated and nonappropriated fund civilian personnel, and members of the reserve serving on active duty are now eligible to receive reimbursements for commuting costs spent on mass transportation.

These eligible commuters on The Bus or VanPool may receive reimbursement of up to \$67 or vouchers for their expenses; however, they must complete an application form for reimbursement and provide copies of their used or unused bus passes.

Applications may be obtained online at www.lifelines2000.org/transit/.

Contact Roger Badua in G-1 at 257-8807 for more details or to submit completed applications.

COMMISSARY HOLIDAY HOURS

The Kaneohe Bay Commissary will operate according to the following holiday schedule.

- Christmas Eve, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Christmas, closed.
- Dec. 26, closed.
- New Year's Eve, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- New Year's Day, closed.
- Jan. 2, closed.
- Jan. 3, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Commissary is regularly open Tuesday through Sunday.

OFFICERS NEEDED FOR SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM

Military escort officers are needed for the 2002 Senate Youth Program, scheduled March 2 - 9, 2002. The program provides 104 excelling high school students an opportunity to learn firsthand about the functions of government, during a week-long visit to Washington, D.C. Military escort officers serve as counselors, facilitators, ambassadors and role models to the students.

Five company grade officers and three majors are needed to participate. Application details can be found in MARADMIN 567/01.

IWO JIMA MEMORIAL

The deadline for purchasing engraved bricks or prints of the Iwo Jima Monument scheduled for construction at Kaneohe Bay is Dec. 15. Call 533-3759 for details, or visit www.PacificWarMemorial.org.

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PUNCHBOWL TRIBUTE

Pearl Harbor veterans receive honors

Story and Photos by
Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

The National Cemetery of the Pacific, located in what is known to local community members as the Punchbowl, a crater formed by a once active volcano, hosted a ceremony Friday, commemorating the 60th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.



MYERS

More than 3,000 people, many of whom were survivors of the Japanese attack, attended the patriotic and emotional event.

Several guest speakers took center stage to speak with the audience about the history of Pearl Harbor, and its significance with the world today.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Air Force Gen. Richard Myers was among the featured guests who spoke, honoring the veterans and praising current military members for



William Poe, a Marine veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor who is credited with shooting down the first Japanese plane of the attack, attended the Punchbowl ceremony.

their continued patriotic service.

"We are here to honor those who gave their lives for our country," said Gen. Myers. "We all know that freedom is costly. The current generation is prepared to make the same sacrifices as the previous generations."

Another speaker to take center stage at the event was former Marine turned actor Hugh O'Brian.

"We should not be asking God to bless America," O'Brian said. "God has been blessing America all along."



A color guard representing each of the branches of armed forces was on hand at the National Cemetery of the Pacific ceremony that honored veterans of the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

ARFF, EOD demo hazardous clean up



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Lance Cpl. Darrell Bryant, a crewman at ARFF, makes his way through the hazardous materials contamination station as he is inspected by one a fellow ARFF Marine.

Lance Cpl.
Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

With new fears of chemical and biological attacks plaguing the country, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, residents may be happy to know that a hazardous material decontamination crew may be added to the base to help mitigate the effects of such an attack.

Marines of the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting unit, along with the Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit, gathered behind Bldg. 216, Dec. 4, to demonstrate how such a crew would operate.

Brigadier General Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii, along with several other key figures, attended the demonstration.

The HAZMAT decontamination area consisted of a series of four different stations that were responsible for containing hazardous material and cleaning off an individual in as little time as possible.

The first station was a simple gear drop point where an individual could get rid of any extra items that might impede the decontamination process.

Next, Marines moved to the "decontaminate, wash and rinse" station, where they were hosed

off with water and other chemicals to wash off any hazardous material.

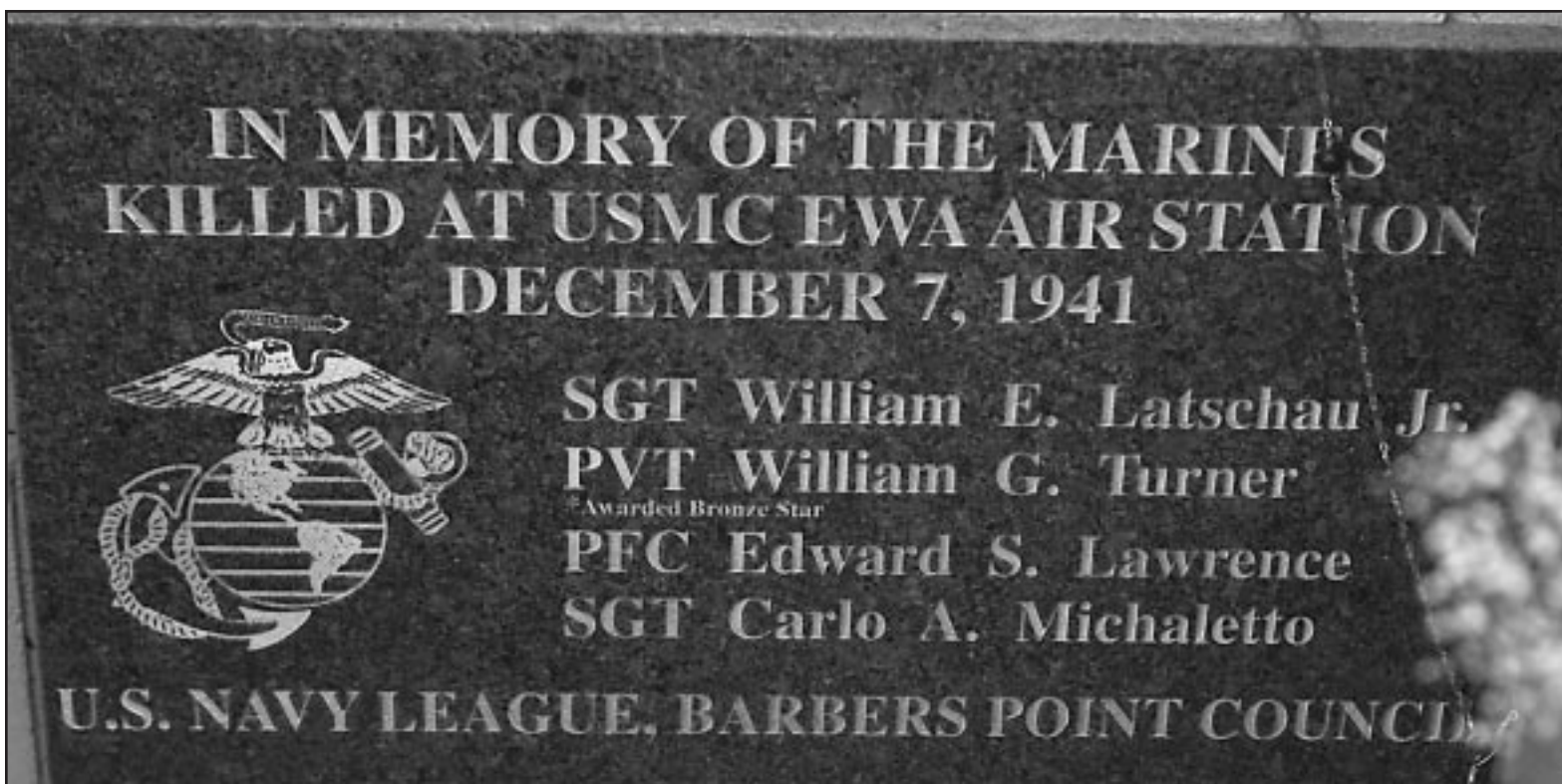
The next station involved the removal of protective suits that are worn when dealing with HAZMAT. After the suit was removed and bagged for disposal or testing, Marines moved to the last station where they were stripped of their outer layer of clothing and any self-contained breathing apparatus.

Each person's face was then rinsed before he could move into a trailer, take a final shower and clean off any remaining contaminants.

"EOD already has the capability to deal with hazardous materials," said Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Jones, officer in charge of ARFF. "We want to be able to come behind those guys and support them."

If ARFF becomes capable of carrying out HAZMAT decontamination missions, it will create a unique capability for the base and the surrounding community. The closest similar unit is located at Pearl Harbor.

If the crew becomes operational, it will mean HAZMAT support in under an hour, rather than the much longer time it would take for a unit to respond from another base.



The names of the Marines who lost their lives during the attack on then Marine Corps Air Station Ewa the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, just minutes prior to the attack on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor are engraved on a plaque on the front of the monument that remembers them at Barbers Point Golf Course.

Marines honored for bravery

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.
Combat Correspondent

BARBERS POINT — A wreath laying ceremony honoring four Marines killed during the Japanese attack on what was then Marine Corps Air Station Ewa on Dec. 7, 1941, was held at the MCAS Ewa Memorial here, the afternoon of Dec. 6, 2001.

The Barbers Point Council and the Navy League of the United States sponsored the event.

More than 30 people were in attendance at the small, but distinguished ceremony that featured an invigorating account of the events that shaped history.

Major Franklin McLain, the ordnance officer for Marine Forces Pacific, gave a rousing account of the events that took place that fateful morning 60 years ago, minutes prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor.

McLain spoke to the audience about the bravery of two Marines in particular that day.

Master Sgt. Emil Peters and Pvt. William Turner were able to get into the cockpit of an SBD-2 and fire the machineguns at the attackers, according to Franklin.

While Turner fed the ammunition,



Peters took aim and was able to down one of the Japanese planes.

Both men were wounded during the attack, and Turner would later die from his wounds.

For his actions, Turner was awarded the Bronze Star, posthumously.

"It was an honor for me to be here today," said McLain. "There was a lot of preparation that went into this, and I appreciated the help I received."

Al Shoehigh, the monument chairman, placed a wreath at the front of the monument.

Harry Hawkins, a Marine who fought at Iwo Jima, donated a set of United States and Marine Corps colors



Left — Al Shoehigh places a wreath at the monument. Above — Marines from the Color Guard provided by Marine Corps Air Facility, MCB Hawaii, bow their heads during the prayer.

to be flown at the memorial on a permanent basis.

A Marine color guard then retired the colors for the evening.

They were followed by the singing of "God Bless America" by the children's choir of Our Lady of Perpetual Help School.

Hawkins shared his thoughts on the attack at Pearl Harbor and its relationship to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack.

"The response has been identically the same type of patriotism from then and now," said Hawkins. "It has welded our country together, and we are one as a nation."

VP-11: 'It's as if we were 18 again'

VP-11, From A-1

this time today to recall the events that took place here on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941."

During his speech, Winns recalled what life aboard the base was like that morning and the events of the attack itself. Much of then Naval Air Station Kaneohe Bay was in the process of being built, with many buildings still under construction.

In December, 1941, many of the base's roads were still unpaved. The only alarm system was an old steam whistle locked up in a shack near the marina. Three patrol squadrons — VP-11, VP-12 and VP-14 — had just reported aboard during November with brand new PBY Catalinas, long-range reconnaissance planes.

When the Japanese attacked, moments before the attack on Battleship Row in Pearl Harbor, their mission was to destroy the planes and hangars located aboard the base.

The Japanese planes flew so low that the Sailors were able to see the bright, red circle of the Japanese national emblem.

United States Sailors used to call the emblem a "meatball" underneath the wings and on the sides of the fuselage of the aircraft, according to Jones.

Of the 36 PBY Catalinas stationed at NAS Kaneohe,



Sgt. Richard W. Holtgraver Jr.

Rear Adm. Winns and Dallas Jones salute the wreath at the plaque placed on the southeastern side of Hangar 101. Friday's ceremony honoring men from VP-11 who lost their lives the morning of Dec. 7, 1941.

all were destroyed or disabled, except for two of the three planes on patrol at time of the attack. The third plane returned to base with more than 80 bullet holes from the outgoing Japanese invaders.

When the dust had settled, following a second

wave of Japanese dive-bombers, 18 Sailors and one civilian contractor were dead. Dozens were wounded from the attack.

Although damage was done that morning, one thing that was not destroyed was the unit's fighting spirit and sense of pride, ac-

cording to Winns.

Though the war raged on, the squadron was decommissioned in 1944.

In 1952, Patrol Squadron (VP)-11 was recommissioned and relocated to NAS Quantson Point, R.I. A year later, the unit moved for the final time to Brunswick, Maine, where it remained, until being decommissioned in 1996.

Winns tied the events of that day, 60 years ago, to Sept. 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked New York City, Washington, D.C., and innocent crewmembers and passengers of the commercial airliner downed in southwestern Pennsylvania.

He said that the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps are prepared now, just as they were in 1941, to do the tough job ahead of them and make the country safe again from terrorists.

"Throughout the past 60 years, the forgotten warriors of Kaneohe have been in our thoughts and prayers for their heroic actions and sacrifices they made for our great nation on that tragic day in December, 1941," said Winns. "We must never forget them."

"We stand with you here today to preserve their memory and to honor their faithful service to our nation, and to our great Navy."

WORD ON THE STREET

What do you want for Christmas?



"...To go home."

Lance Cpl. Eric Boyd
AAV crewman
CSC Co., 3rd
Marine
Regiment



"...Marines overseas to be safe."

Pfc. Damion Emholtz
Admin clerk
MALSEK



"...A car would be nice."

Pfc. Erick Mack
Cook
3/3



"...A bunch of money."

Pfc. Heather Medlock
Ammunition technician
Headquarters
Bn., MCB
Hawaii



"...A date with Estella Warren."

Lance Cpl. Joshua Robin
Accounting technician
Headquarters
Bn., MCB
Hawaii

Attack survivors tour base, recall images

Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Two former servicemembers once stationed at Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, along with three generations of their families, were welcomed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Dec. 5, for a tour of the base and a visit back to the past.

Glen Cauble, a former Marine military policeman, and Ron Jackson, a former Sailor who was assigned to Patrol Squadron (VP)-12, came on base to view some of the landmark sites that have endured the test of time and Kaneohe Bay’s progression as a military installation during the last six decades.

Jackson was stationed here during the attack on NAS Kaneohe, Dec. 7, 1941. He was one of many servicemembers wounded in the attack. It was only the second time he had visited the base since 1942.

The tour started at Kaneohe Bay’s Range Training Facilities inside Ulu’pau Crater.

When the tour bus neared the intersection of Mokapu Road and E Street, the veterans began to recognize some of the base’s landmarks and buildings.

“That used to be where the front gate was,” said Cauble. “A lot sure has changed in the past 60 years.”

The gentlemen and their fam-



ilies were viewing the Kaneohe Klipper monument when they were approached by several Marine officers, one of whom, was Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, commanding general of MCB Hawaii.

The general welcomed the men and their families aboard the base and gave them the opportunity to visit the flightline, where they had once worked while stationed here.

Colonel Charles Jackson, chief of staff, MCB Hawaii, then accompanied the guests to Hangar 101, where the veteran



Lance Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Left — Glen Cauble, a former Marine military policeman, recalls his past tour of duty at Naval Air Station Kaneohe, Territory of Hawaii. Above — Ron Jackson, a former Sailor with Patrol Squadron (VP) 12 who was stationed at NAS Kaneohe during the Dec. 7, 1941, attack, shows Col. Charles Jackson, deputy chief of staff for Marine Forces Pacific, the flight path taken by enemy Japanese planes.

Jackson was working at the time of the attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

Jackson, at age 82, had not previously stepped off of the bus during the tour — until he saw the hangar where he once worked.

When the group arrived at the hangar, Jackson left the bus and began narrating his account of what happened that dreadful day back in December, 1941.

“I was working on the plane when I heard this loud racket outside,” said Jackson. “I looked around the corner of the building and I saw the zeros shooting

up everything in sight.

“I looked over to my right and I could see those mid-level bombers coming in right over there,” he said, while pointing out across Kaneohe Bay. “As soon as I saw that, I got back inside the hangar and hid down beside a wall. At the last minute, I moved behind a concrete wall.

“The young man who hid where I was just hiding was killed in the explosion.

“It’s funny, fate, you know?” said Jackson.

During the attack, the armory was closed, so no one could get

to any of the weapons, he continued. But, there were Sailors trying to fight back any way that they could.

One, Jackson specifically remembers, was a Sailor shoulder-firing a .50 caliber machine-gun.

“I don’t know that he actually hit anything with it, but he was still just firing away while people fed him ammunition,” he explained.

Jackson ended up getting hit by shrapnel during the bombing and was ordered to report to medical.

“I wasn’t hurt that bad. So they had me working in the hospital helping take care of patients and bodies,” he recalled.

Everyone was enthralled by the veteran’s story of what happened that day.

Such living pieces of history are hard to come by. But, for at least one day, present-day K-Bay was seen in a different light by a few lucky individuals.

The veterans left, having not only relived history for themselves, but also having passed on stories that may have never been told.

Perhaps more importantly, the stories will certainly not be forgotten by the three generations of family members who accompanied Cauble and Jackson back to what is now MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

60th Anniversary Exhibits

Press Releases
Joint Media Center

Two ongoing exhibits are commemorating the historical events of Dec. 7, 1941. The 60th Commemoration Joint Media Center established a robust website, filled with details about current and historical facts, photos and related topics.

Links at the site also provide quick access to more than 35 other websites on the attacks at military installations on the island of Oahu, then Territory of Hawaii.

Visit www.hawaii.navy.mil/Dec7/Dec72001/index.htm or contact the Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs office at 473-2888, for more information.

The U.S. Army Museum of Hawaii, in conjunction with the USS Arizona Memorial, National Park Service, proudly presents “Operation Hawaii,” in the museum’s Changing Gallery.

“Operation Hawaii” was the code name for the Japanese plan to attack Pearl Harbor on Dec. 8, 1941 (Japan time). The exhibit is a behind-the-scenes look at how the Japanese Imperial Navy planned and executed the devastating surprise attacks. The exhibit includes artifacts not previously shown to the public and is open from 10 a.m. to 4:25 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays.

For more details, call the museum at 438-2821.



Official U.S.M.C. Photo

Personnel try to extinguish fires on a burning Navy airplane on Dec. 7, 1941, at the U.S. Naval Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Territory of Hawaii, following the surprise air attack by Japanese pilots of the Japanese Imperial Fleet.

SALUTES

Honor Graduates

First Place
Sgt. K. A. Warlick, Kunia
Second Place
Sgt. J. M. Luquin, CSSG-3
Third Place
Sgt. V. A. Medeiros III, 1st
Radio Bn.

Gung Ho Award

Sgt. G. D. Bourgeois, CSSG-3

Commanding General's
Honor Roll

Sgt. K. A. Warlick, Kunia
Sgt. J. M. Luquin, CSSG-3
SGT V. A. Medeiros III, 1st Radio Bn.

*(Awarded to Marines who graduate with a
final GPA of 95 percent or higher.)*



Sergeant Major of the
Marine Corps Writing
Award

First Place
Sgt. J. M. Luquin, CSSG-3
Runner-up
Sgt.J. D. Martinez, Kunia
Honorable Mention
Sgt. C. N. Mancio, CSSG-3

Certificates of Superi-or
Physical Performance

Sgt. C. R. Anson, 4th Force Reconnaiss-
sance Co.
Sgt. G. D. Bourgeois, CSSG-3
Sgt. J. M. Luquin, CSSG-3
SGT J. D. Martinez, Kunia

*(Awarded to Marines who achieve a 285 or
above on their Physical Fitness Test.)*



‘Easy, does it there now’



Lance Cpl.
Troy
Grander, a
mechanic
from GSA
Platoon,
Maintenance
Co., Combat
Service
Support
Group 3,
carefully
lowers a GM
6.5 liter en-
gine into a
Humvee.

Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

COMMENTARY

Does religion offer valid answers to difficult questions?

Understanding involves looking within, without

Navy Lt. Scott Carlson
Chaplain, CREDO Hawaii

There's a story of a little boy who came to his father and asked, "Dad, who made God?"

The father, engrossed in the evening paper, responded, "Beats me, son."

Refusing to be put off, the child then asked, "Dad, why is the earth round?"

Father answered, "I don't know, son."

The boy played for a moment and then asked, "Dad, is there life on other planets?"

The father patiently answered, "Nobody knows the answer to that."

Finally, the boy asked his father, "Dad, do you mind me asking you all these questions?"

The father put down his paper, "Why not at all, son," he said.

"How else are you going to learn?"

Religion offers authorized answers to life's difficult questions. It begins with the assumption of knowing and suggests definite answers based on theology, doctrine, history and revelation — objectively — outside ourselves.

Religion is deductive by nature and asserts our convictions. Spirituality, however, is the realization that not all can be known.

Not only is our experience "outside the box," but sometimes there is no box!

It springs from inner work and forces us into new and scary places — inviting us to keep unanswered questions alive, reflecting deeper and further upon the questions that develop, and living with the results.

It's becoming aware of what arises naturally, subjectively, from within.

Spirituality is inductive by nature and poses our questions.

Challenges that remain unanswered within our spirits bring with them a certain tension, an existential angina, a stress between heart and head. Our minds drive us not only to question the experiences of our lives, but also to demand answers.

At times, however, that just doesn't happen.

Furthermore, certain suffering is discovered deep within. Hence, it's no surprise that chemical dependency and violence to self and others are one result.

When these insights are shared with others, the response is usually a well-meaning, but clueless attempt to understand.

Patronizing, overly simplistic and trite replies are offered in what becomes a rather dehu-

manizing attempt to "fix" the problem.

A true friend will admit, "I don't have an answer, nor can I totally understand. But together we can discover what's most helpful."

Socrates was deemed to be the wisest man in Athens simply because he knew that he didn't always have an answer.

To come to the point of not knowing is rare, but honest.

Even more importantly, although the tension between heart and mind will remain, the validation of emotion that arises in this struggle is a surfacing conscious awareness of who we are becoming.

In other words, by going to unfamiliar and threatening places within, I find the insights and clues to the questions that drove me there in the first place.

Oliver Wendell Holmes put it this way: "What lies behind us, and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies

within us."

Take time to reflect upon your questions during this special season of Ramadan, Hanukkah and Advent — especially with matters for which you have no "quick fix."

Look to your faith tradition, whatever that means for you, for insight. Allow your spirit to take you further along a "road less traveled," to signature your experience in a more personal way. And painful though it might be, by continuing quest, further insights will be given.

A question well asked is virtually the best answer. How else are you going to learn?

As Rainier Maria Rilke writes in *Letters to a Young Poet*, "...Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves like locked rooms and like books that are written in a foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers. ...Live the questions."

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IT'S EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY
TURN OFF WHEN NOT IN USE



Upcoming CREDO Retreats

For Personal Growth:

Jan. 10 - 13
Feb. 7 - 10
March 21 -24

For Marriage Enrichment:

Jan. 25 - 27
March 8 -10

Resources provided for engaged, newlyweds

■ Chaplains recommend couples seek marriage preparation prior to ‘tying the knot,’ for wedded bliss

Cmdr. Jeffrey E. Rhodes
Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy

While the wedding season typically runs in May and June, it’s not too soon for couples planning on summer weddings to begin preparations now!

Marine Corps Base Hawaii chaplains, as well as your unit chaplain, are happy to assist you with marriage counseling and planning.

Pre-Marriage Workshops

Many worthwhile workshops are available and provide vital information for couples planning marriage. Several, in fact, are offered right on Kaneohe Bay.

Engaged couples and newlyweds, can contact Marine Corps Community Services, which offers a monthly Marriage Skills Workshop. The session, chuck-full of insights couples should ponder, next kicks off Wednesday through Saturday. Call 257-7780 to reserve your seats at the MCCS workshop.



CREDO Retreats

The Chaplains Religious Environment Development Operation (CREDO) Hawaii also offers periodic marriage retreats, along with personal growth retreats, for couples and individuals who are interested in just learning more about themselves. Contact CREDO at 257-1941, for details about its next series of retreats.

Roman Catholic Workshops

Roman Catholic marriage preparation is of-

ten a little bit tricky. Engaged couples should seek specialized care in preparation for marriage in the Roman Catholic tradition and faith.

Several beneficial programs, especially designed for Catholic couples, offer the best possible training for marriage that celebrates Catholicism.

Catholic couples can catch one of the following, upcoming workshops, which focus on equipping them in diverse areas, each at a different level of intensity:

- For “Marriage Encounter”, call 259-7822.
- For “Engaged Encounter,” Jan. 18 - 20 or March 15-17, call 262-4199.
- For “Cursillo,” Feb. 8 - 10, call 678-1657.
- For “Retrovaille,” March 8-10, call 689-0045.

Get More Details

If you’re married or engaged and desire a more satisfying, lasting relationship, participate in any of the aforementioned workshops that seem appropriate for you.

For more information, contact Chaplains Estabrook or Rhodes at the K-Bay Base Chapel, 257-3552.



HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Catholic CCD Christmas Program

Sunday, 11 a.m., Protestant Children’s Christmas Program

Dec. 23, 7 p.m., Protestant Christmas Candlelight Service

Dec. 24, 7:30 p.m., Catholic Vigil Mass

Dec. 24, 12 a.m., Midnight Mass

Dec. 25, 9:30 a.m., Christmas Mass

Dec. 31, 10 p.m., Protestant Watch-night Service

For more details about programs or religious services, call the MCB Hawaii Base Chapel at 257-3552.

EVERY CLIME AND PLACE

1/3 combats cold at Forest Light 2001

Cpl. Scott Carlson
Combat Correspondent

CAMP MOKO-MANAI, HOKKAIDO, Japan — Bitter cold temperatures welcomed Marines and Sailors from 1st Bn., 3rd Marine

Regiment, as they stepped off the Australian Catamaran and onto northern mainland Japan, Nov. 13, to participate in Forest Light 2001. Forest Light is a semi-annual cold weather, bilateral training exercise, con-

ducted between Marine Corps infantry units and Japanese Ground Self Defense Force soldiers. “Although delayed by bad weather, the Marines of 1st Bn., 3rd Marine Regiment, are very excited about the Forest Light bi-lateral training exercise,” said Lt. Col. Joseph L. Osterman, battalion commander. “Preparing for the Forest Light exercise has been one of our top priorities and the finest training opportunity during our seven-month deployment to Japan.” Japanese Col. Toshihiro Miyashito, commanding officer, 10th Inf. Reg., 11th Div., JGSDF, said he believes the exercise has greater benefits, which will extend beyond the training evolution in northern Japan. “I’m convinced that by holding operations such as these, our ability to deter aggression from other nations will become greater,” he said. “I hope that this exercise has great results and that also the trust and friendship (between the U.S. and Japan) is enhanced even more.” The two units wasted



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U.S. Navy corpsmen and medical personnel from the Japanese Ground Self Defense Force prepare to load a mock casualty during a bi-lateral training exercise in Hokkaido, Japan. The training was part of Forest Light 2001.

no time in getting their gear ready and heading to the field to begin their training together, as soon as the Marines arrived on the Japanese base, said Capt. Patrick Lavigne, acting operations officer. The battalion originally scheduled a day of preparation and an opening ceremony. However, bad

weather kept the Marines at Camp Fuji, Japan, for two extra days. All preparation and ceremonies had to be held within six hours. Still, no training time was lost due to the units’ readiness. The units began the training exercise with several live fires. The Marines

of 1/3 fired all weapons the unit maintains in its arsenal. According to Lavigne, the live-fire exercises have mostly been static live-fires, as opposed to maneuver and fire exercises. This exercise and similar training evolutions between the U.S. and Japanese forces have taken place 32 times, according to Miyashito. One similarity between each Forest Light exercise is the cold weather. Temperatures during the first couple days of the exercise dropped as low as 20 degrees Fahrenheit. “If we (the Marines and Sailors of the battalion) had come straight from Okinawa, I think we would have been devastated,” Lavigne said. “But, since we did five weeks in Fuji, we acclimatized a little to the cold weather. So, coming here wasn’t as big a shock. The Marines of 1/3 are currently deployed as part of the Unit Deployment Program . They are scheduled to return to K-Bay, shortly after the training is complete.



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Marine infantrymen from 1/3 patrol outside their bivouac site wearing gas masks during Forest Light 2001 in Hokkaido, Japan.

KLIPPERS, From A-1

heroism for America in World War II,” said Brig. Gen. Jerry C. McAbee, MCB Hawaii commanding general. “It was bravery above and beyond the call of duty.”

When Evans and McAbee finished their comments, it was time to



A wreath that lasts several days was placed at the Kaneohe Klipper Monument, that forever remembers fallen shipmates.

honor those who died.

Both men laid a wreath at the monument and silently saluted as Headquarters Bn. Marines fired a seven-gun salute.

Taps was played.

Also, 1st Lt. Justin B. Stodghill, a Marine bagpiper, ended the ceremony with a solemn rendition of “Amazing Grace.”

With the ceremony over, many guests could not help but approach some of the veterans and ask them about their experiences.

A group of people formed around Finn.

They sought autographs or just a few words with the Meday of Honor recipient.

Even the Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance



Rear Adm. Anthony Winns, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, asks Medal of Honor recipient John Finn to sign his program.

sance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Rear Adm. Anthony Winns, humbly asked Finn for an autograph.

Although all the ceremonies are over, the memory of what happened will never be forgotten. The thought of those who gave their lives Dec. 7, 1941, will remain forever engraved in the hearts of those who live on.

VP-9, From A-1

Patrol Squadron 9 had been deployed to the Arabian Gulf since May 27, and throughout its deployment, it was confronted with many dangerous tasks.

“While deployed, VP-9 successfully completed one of the most challenging and significant deployments in Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance history,” said Rear Adm. Anthony L. Winns, Commander, Patrol and Reconnaissance Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. “As the war on terror formalized into operation ‘Enduring Freedom’, the Golden Eagles team skillfully demonstrated the multifaceted capabilities of the P-3 airframe.

“Patrol Squadron 9’s operational tempo was more than twice the normal 5th fleet op-tempo,” Winns added. “They flew more armed missions than have been flown by a VP squadron since the Vietnam War.”

Furthermore, the Golden Eagles significantly assisted with the U.N.s’ sanctions and continuing resolutions against Iraq.

The squadaron was directly responsible for the interception of more than 40 smuggler vessels and the diversion of hundreds of millions of dollars of illicit oil, said Cmdr. David M. Jackson, commander of Destroyer Squadron 50. Jackson credited this feat to “unquestionably the best, most innovative Maritime Patrol Aviation utilization to date, with real-time imagery and Naval

Special Warfare Support.”

Patrol Squadron 9 was also a major contributor to the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance used to recognize and identify Taliban and Al Qaida targets for operation “Enduring Freedom” in Afghanistan, explained Vice Adm. Charles W. Moore, Commander, U.S Naval Forces, Central Command and Commander, 5th Fleet.

The Sailors also assisted in the search of shipmates who had fallen overboard from the USS Kitty Hawk and USS Russell during their deployment.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Honolulu Mayor Jeremy Harris was in attendance at Patrol Squadron 9’s welcome home celebration and gave some words of appreciation to Cmdr. Bob Lally, commanding officer, VP-9, and his Sailors.